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NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS DECLINE SLIGHTLY IN MAY

NEW YORK, Aug. 14--New business incorporations in May decreased 0.6 percent to 59,445 from 59,815 in May 1985, according to The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation.

In the first five months of 1986, new incorporations totaled 300,561, an increase of 6.7 percent over the 281,740 new incorporations in the first five months of 1985.

"While the number of new incorporations dipped slightly in May, the year-to-date level of new incorporations remains high, indicating that entrepreneurs continue to be optimistic about future economic growth," said Joseph W. Duncan, corporate economist and chief statistician of The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation.

Of the 35 states reporting year-to-date increases in the first five months of 1986, 18 states had gains of more than 10 percent. The largest increases in new incorporations occurred in Connecticut, up 78.4 percent

to 6,097; Montana, up 22.4 percent to 742; and North Dakota, up 21.3 percent to 439. The states recording the greatest losses were Alaska and Mississippi, down 24.6 percent and 21.4 percent, respectively.

Eight of the nation's nine U.S. Bureau of the Census Regions reported year-to-year increases in new incorporations for the first five months of 1986. The largest regional gains were reported in New England, up 26.5 percent to 18,539; the Middle Atlantic states, up 11.3 percent to 56,773; and the Pacific region, up 10.0 percent to 36,295. The only decrease in new incorporations was in the West South Central region, down 2.9 percent.

Month of May

Compared with year-ago levels, seven states registered increases of 10 percent or more in May. The states with the largest increases were Montana, up 37.3 percent to 151; Rhode Island, up 23.7 percent to 313; and New Jersey, up 19.1 percent to 3,009. Of the 21 states reporting annual decreases, Wyoming, down 51.4 percent; New Mexico, down 41.0 percent; and Colorado, down 32.0 percent, reported the sharpest losses.

Five of the nation's nine U.S. Bureau of the Census Regions recorded increases over the comparable 1985 period. The largest increases were in the Middle Atlantic states, up 6.9 percent to 11,476, and the East South Central states, up 2.4 percent to 2,312. The largest decreases in new incorporations were reported

by the Mountain and West South Central regions, down 13.0 percent and 9.1 percent, respectively.

New York reported the largest number of new incorporations in May with 6,959, followed by Florida with 6,645, California with 5,187, and Texas with 3,356. On a percentage basis, new incorporations in New York, Florida and California increased 4.8 percent, 1.0 percent and 1.9 percent, respectively. Texas declined 9.6 percent compared with May 1985 levels.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, 55,922 new incorporations were recorded in May, an increase of 0.4 percent, over the 55,694 reported in May 1985.

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(See Attached Tables)

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	May 1986	Apr. 1986	% Change Apr. 1986 May 1986	May 1985	% Change May 1985 May 1986	-Total Five Months-- 1986 1985		% Change 5 Months '85-'86
NEW ENGLAND	3,359 E	4,193	-19.9	3,290	2.1	18,539 E	14,661	26.5
Maine	232 E	292	-20.5	216	7.4	1,261 E	1,057	19.3
New Hampshire	326	402	-18.9	371	-12.1	1,727	1,457	18.5
Vermont	140	179	-21.8	144	-2.8	727	742	-2.0
Massachusetts	1,461	1,557	-6.2	1,457	0.3	7,224	6,722	7.5
Connecticut	887	1,431	-38.0	849	4.5	6,097	3,417	78.4
Rhode Island	313	332	-5.7	253	23.7	1,503	1,266	18.7
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	11,476	12,405	-7.5	10,738	6.9	56,773	50,999	11.3
New York	6,959	7,234	-3.8	6,643	4.8	33,633	30,845	9.0
New Jersey	3,069	3,345	-10.0	2,527	19.1	14,590	12,912	13.0
Pennsylvania	1,508	1,826	-17.4	1,568	-3.8	8,550	7,242	18.1
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	7,309	8,119	-10.0	7,887	-7.3	37,923	37,541	1.0
Ohio	1,584	2,088	-24.1	1,624	-2.5	8,150	7,308	11.5
Indiana	886	970	-8.7	874	1.4	4,644	4,123	12.6
Illinois	2,352	2,349	0.1	2,688	-12.5	12,275	14,444	-15.0
Michigan	1,889	2,087	-9.5	2,153	-12.3	10,028	8,962	11.9
Wisconsin	598	625	-4.3	548	9.1	2,826	2,704	4.5
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	2,936	3,142	-9.7	2,875	-1.4	14,684	13,958	5.2
Minnesota	833	954	-12.7	826	0.8	4,232	3,823	10.7
Iowa	363	373	-2.7	335	8.4	1,852	1,794	3.2
Missouri	881	993	-11.3	913	-3.5	4,720	4,387	7.6
North Dakota	97	96	1.0	84	15.5	439	362	21.3
South Dakota	86	84	2.4	84	2.4	439	408	7.6
Nebraska	218	241	-9.5	239	-8.8	1,137	1,192	-4.6
Kansas	358	401	-10.7	394	-9.1	1,865	1,992	-6.4
SOUTH ATLANTIC	15,838 E	15,767 E	0.5	15,480 ER	2.3	76,102 E	71,041	7.1
Maryland	1,624	1,516	7.1	1,470	10.5	6,851	5,747	19.2
Delaware	2,451	2,498	-1.9	2,282	7.4	11,685	10,827	7.9
Washington, DC	185 E	215 E	-14.0	176 E	5.1	946 E	921	2.7
Virginia	1,399	1,649	-15.2	1,376	1.7	7,189	6,460	11.3
West Virginia	227	244	-7.0	205	10.7	940	1,046	-10.1
North Carolina	1,067	1,169	-8.7	1,042	2.4	5,471	4,779	14.5
South Carolina	560	529	5.9	724 R	-22.7	2,710	3,435	-21.1
Georgia	1,680	1,250	34.4	1,627	3.3	8,187	7,941	3.1
Florida	6,645	6,697	-0.8	6,578 R	1.0	32,123	29,885	7.5

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EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	2,312	2,175	6.3	2,258	2.4	11,457	11,051	3.7
Kentucky	684	587	16.5	735	-6.9	3,361	3,432	-2.1
Tennessee	768	830	-7.5	743	3.4	3,936	3,599	9.4
Alabama	632	544	16.2	541	16.8	3,075	2,639	16.5
Mississippi	228	214	6.5	239	-4.6	1,065	1,381	-21.4
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	5,606	5,325	5.3	6,165 R	-9.1	28,238	29,070	-2.9
Arkansas	487	513	-5.1	571	-14.7	2,704	2,356	14.8
Oklahoma	693	643	7.8	749 R	-7.5	3,331	3,511	-5.1
Louisiana	1,070	974	9.9	1,131	-5.4	5,256	5,295	-0.7
Texas	3,356	3,195	5.0	3,714	-9.6	16,947	17,908	-5.4
MOUNTAIN	3,537	4,472	-20.9	4,066	-13.0	20,550	20,430	0.6
Montana	151	145	4.1	110	37.3	742	606	22.4
Idaho	152	157	-3.2	147	3.4	766	749	2.3
Wyoming	85	79	7.6	175	-51.4	421	515	-18.3
Colorado	899	1,454	-38.2	1,322	-32.0	6,231	6,151	1.3
New Mexico	157	249	-36.9	266	-41.0	1,089	1,244	-12.5
Arizona	1,019	1,191	-14.4	941	8.3	5,794	5,831	-0.6
Utah	340	375	-9.3	317	7.3	1,778	1,636	9.7
Nevada	734	822	-10.7	788	-6.9	3,729	3,698	0.8
PACIFIC	7,172 R	8,054 R	-11.0	7,056	1.6	36,295 R	32,989	10.0
Alaska	223	136	64.0	215	3.7	774	1,026	-24.6
Washington	820	881	-6.9	863	-5.0	4,225	3,929	7.5
Oregon	636	697	-8.8	608	4.6	3,292	3,010	9.4
California	5,187	6,126	-15.3	5,091	1.9	26,854	23,768	13.0
Hawaii	306 R	214 R	43.0	279	9.7	1,150 R	1,256	-8.4
TOTAL U. S. (unadjusted)	59,445 E-R	63,652 E-R	-6.6	59,815 R	-0.6	300,561 ER	281,740	6.7
TOTAL U.S. (seasonally adjusted)	55,922 R	59,880 R	-6.6	55,694 R	0.4			

E = Estimated
P = Preliminary

R = Revised Hawaii Apr. (214) & May (306) on 7-21-86.

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